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## LABOR FEDERATION HEAR GOMPERS

CINCINNATI SESSION FACING MUCH WORK—MANY ISSUES PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONVENTION DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS

Cincinnati, June 13.—Facing a fight that leaders of organized labor regard as one for the existence of unions, the American Federation of Labor here opened its 42nd annual convention, which was marked by the presentation of many issues that are to be considered during the next two weeks and a speech by President Samuel Gompers, declaring "we do not fool ourselves into any fancied security." The issues were brought before the delegates by the report of the federation's executive council.

"We are not in a mood," said Mr. Gompers "to have those rights and privileges guaranteed to us by our constitution taken from us by any subtle reasoning or assumption of power, no matter whence it emanates."

This declaration of the veteran labor leader was greeted with applause as was also his statement that organized labor would "go onward and forward more determined than ever that there shall not be imposed upon our brow, upon our backs, the type of the 'man with the hoe.'"

The speech by Mr. Gompers came after a program of welcoming addresses by Mayor George P. Carrel, Secretary T. J. Donnelly of the Ohio Federation of Labor and others. The big armory of the Ohio National Guard was filled by delegates and spectators while above their heads were hung a thousand American flags. Mr. Gompers declared that organized labor only asked employers to meet with the union leaders in conferences for the settlement of any disputes, but he said that a genuine conference was impossible unless both side stand on an equal footing. The "open shop," he added is not the result of conference. Mr. Gompers concluded with a reference to the disarmament conference, asserting it made the greatest contribution toward that purpose.

The convention session also was marked by presentation of a report by Santiago Iglesias, president of the Free Federation of Workers of Puerto Rico, endorsing the administration of E. Mont Reilly as governor of Puerto Rico. Iglesias declared that Governor Reilly had dealt fairly with organized labor in Puerto Rico.

While the executive council's report centered around many questions that will come before the convention, it also showed that the total membership of the federation is 3,195,635. Although this is a loss of 710,893 in the last year, members of the committee pointed out that it was a gain of more than 1,100,000 over 1916, which year was followed by big gains during the war. Further the report told of labor's accomplishments of the last year which, it was said was marked by "unusual industrial depression."

### ANOTHER STILL FOUND.

The Deputies Sheriff captured a still Saturday morning of twenty to twenty-five gallon capacity on the old Tillman place about four miles this side of Lowndesville. Joe Wright, a white man, S. F. Tribble and Al Culbreth, negroes, were arrested and placed in jail in connection with the matter. They gave bond and have been released.

### AT NEWBERRY COURT

Judge Frank B. Gary will preside at the criminal court which convenes in Newberry Monday, June 19th.

## HARDING WARNING SENT TO CAPITAL

URGES ACTION ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL—PRESIDENT MAY CALL EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS—FIRST CRITICISM VOICED

Washington, June 13.—Warning by President Harding that he would feel obligated to call congress in special session if it failed to take up the ship subsidy bill prior to adjournment was supplemented today by a White House announcement that the administration was determined to press for action now.

The president's view on the question of an extraordinary session was set forth in a letter written May 26 to Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee, expressing the hope that the committee in charge of legislative machinery, would open the way for speedy consideration of the measure. Copies were obtained meanwhile by the merchant marine committee framing the bill—which was ready tonight to introduce it tomorrow—and Republican committeemen declared the notice served by the president would rally many Republicans to its support.

It was disclosed at the White House that the president could suffer no greater disappointment than that which would come through failure to put the shipping bill to a vote. House leaders who have talked with him on the subject have stated that he had been most insistent that the measure be taken up, if necessary, as a straight party issue believing its enactment of the greatest value to the business welfare of the country.

While the merchant marine committee was working rapidly to have the bill in shape for the house tomorrow, Representative Davis of Tennessee launched the first minority attack on it, declaring it "vicious" in its provisions, and that it gave more power to the shipping board than "good men ought to want or bad men ought to have."

### DEATH OF MRS GRIER PRESSLY

Mrs. Barbara Pressly, wife of Prof. Grier Pressly, died at the home of Rev. James Pressly, Tuesday afternoon, June 13 1922 and was buried today at Due West. Mrs. Pressly before her marriage was Miss Barbara Farmer of Louisville, Ga., and is survived by her husband, and three children, James, Stratford and Miss Barbara. The family moved to Due West recently from Oklahoma where Prof. Pressly was a teacher in one of the Government Indians Schools.

### MR. HUMBERT BEREAVED

Mr. H. B. Humbert has returned to Abbeville after an absence of sometime, being called to his home by the death of his father, Capt. J. B. Humbert, who has been in declining health for about two years.

Capt. Humbert was a man of affairs in his community and friends hear of his death with regret. He was a member of the famous Wallace House and took a prominent part in the political life of the state in 1876 and after.

### AT HOME.

Miss Victoria Howie arrived at home Tuesday afternoon coming by way of Atlanta. She has been at Blue Ridge attending the Y. W. C. A. conference.

### MAYOR'S COURT.

Only one case came before the Mayor this morning and that was for disorderly conduct. The fine imposed was \$10.00.

## MARCHING INDIANS LAY CLAIM TO LAND

LEADER A DESCENDANT OF TECUMSEH.—GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RECOGNIZE TREATY AND SEND POLICE TO PREVENT ENCROACHMENT.

Leamington, Ont., June 13.—A detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted police was stationed at the National Park at Point Pelee, seven miles from Leamington, today, prepared to halt the march of several hundred Indians who have laid claim to the park and thousands of acres of the best farming land in this part of Canada under a treaty with the British government executed in 1749. The dominion government, refusing to recognize the Indians' claims, instructed the mounted police to prevent any encroachment upon the lands and to arrest the tribesmen trespassers.

At the head of the Indian "invasion" was Archie Dodge, a member of the Pottowatomie tribe and a descendant of Tecumseh, leader of Great Britain's Indian allies in the war of 1812. He is recognized as the head of the tribe, being the great grandson of the last chieftain. Dodge, who is 23 years of age, declared members of his tribe were the original settlers of the Canadian shores of Lake Erie and occupied the lands from the time of the British grant until about 1836, when they scattered to various parts of Ontario. Several years ago a movement was started to reclaim the land of their forefathers, but they encountered government opposition. Dodge and a small band were the first to arrive yesterday. About 300 others are reported en route.

In addition to the lands, Dodge told police officers in disclosing the plans of the Indians, the government still owes the various tribes \$300,000 in treaty money. Payment of this sum, is to be demanded, he said.

So far as the officers could learn the Indians came with no intention of taking the lands by force, and such a course was disclaimed by Dodge, whose band was encamped last night on what is known as alienated land, just outside the park preserves.

### ANDREW SPEER ELECTED

Former Abbeville County Man Is Elected Mayor of Anderson

The second primary for the election of a mayor for the city of Anderson was held Tuesday, Andrew Speer defeating Robert L. Carter by a majority of 637 votes, carrying five out of six wards in the city.

Mr. Speer was born in Abbeville County and moved to Anderson in 1894. He is a member of the firm of Speer & Watkins, automobile dealers, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and for many years superintendent of the Anderson Phosphate & Oil Co.

There were four candidates in the first race, the other two being Foster Fant and John Cromer.

### VISITING IN ABBEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haskell left Abbeville this morning for Greenville. Mr. Haskell is Consul to Geneva, Switzerland and is home with Mrs. Haskell on leave visiting relatives in South Carolina. They spent the time in Abbeville with Mr. Haskell's brother, Mr. L. C. Haskell.

### THIS MAN'S GUINEAS LAY TWICE A DAY

Warrenton, Ga., June 12.—The champion egg-laying flock is claimed by George B. Lowe, Warren county farmer.

Mr. Lowe brought several dozen eggs to town today, guinea eggs predominating. Asked how many guineas he had his answer was:

"Only five, but they lay twice a day." He offered to prove his claim to all skeptics.

## FOREIGN NATIONS DISCUSS FINANCES

WORLD WAR DEBTORS OF AMERICA SEND STATEMENTS. FRANCE TO SEND SPECIAL MISSION TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION.

Washington, June 13.—Foreign nations—World War debtors of this country—have begun submitting to the Allied debt funding commission statements of their financial conditions in the light of their obligations to the United States.

It was said today at the treasury that two nations have presented briefs of their fiscal conditions in connection with the debts to this country. The names were withheld. Their statements were being analyzed by the commission, it was explained, and would be very helpful when the negotiation for funding of the obligations was begun.

Statements from the other debtor nations are expected by the commission. So far, it was said, nothing official on the debt question has been heard from Great Britain since the formation of the commission, although the belief was expressed at the treasury that special mission to discuss that nation's indebtedness might be expected at any time.

Meanwhile, it was indicated at the treasury, funding negotiations will begin with France, whose government has announced the early departure of a special mission to this country unless earlier activity developments on the part of Great Britain, who owes about \$5,000,000,000 of the total \$11,000,000,000 foreign debt to the United States.

Proceedings of the debt commission, when negotiations with the Allied governments begin, will be carried on with the usual diplomatic discretion as regards publicity, it was made plain at the treasury. Secretary Mellon was represented as taking the position that the funding of the Allied debts cannot be accomplished successfully "in the newspapers" and that the progress of the proceedings should only be made known through official announcements.

### WILL ASK NEW TRIAL

E. D. Bigham Is Returned to State Penitentiary.

Florence, June 13.—Attorneys for E. D. Bigham, stated this afternoon they would appeal from the ruling of Judge S. W. G. Shipp refusing him a new trial on the grounds of after-discovered evidence. Bigham was carried to Columbia yesterday by Sheriff Burch and Deputy Sheriff Connor to be placed in the penitentiary to await electrocution on July 14. The appeal to the Supreme Court if made, however, will automatically stay this sentence. In the county jail at 10 o'clock last night Bigham took affectionate leave of his wife. He speaks of her as the widow.

### REV. AND MRS ELLIS STOP OVER

Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Ellis from Fayetteville, Tenn., passed through Abbeville and spent last night with Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Ellis. They have been attending Due West commencement and are on their way to Doraville, Ga., where Mr. Ellis will conduct communion services next Sabbath.

### TOURING THE WEST

Claud Wilson leaves Sunday for Kansas City, Mo., where he expects to visit friends. From there he will join his brother, Ralph Wilson in Flagler, Colorado, and make a tour of the west.

### CAMPING.

Foster Barnwell, Hugh and David Bradley, Willie Bradley and one or two other lively boys are camping this week at Martin's Mill. They are doing their own cooking.

## FAVOR TARIFF BEFORE BONUS

PRESIDENT OPPOSES PLAN OF McCUMBER—THE REPUBLICAN LEADERS AWAIT RETURN OF LODGE, WHO CAMPAIGN IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Washington, June 13.—Senate Republican leaders who are opposed to the plan of Chairman McCumber of the finance committee to sidetrack the tariff bill for the soldiers' bonus have the support of President Harding. The executive, it was stated officially today at the White House, regards tariff legislation as most important and worthy of the undivided attention of the senate.

Plans for consideration of the bonus still are very indefinite, but they may take shape after the return here tomorrow of Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican leader, who has been campaigning in his home state.

Senator McCumber has given notice that he will call up the bill in the near future but he has not yet fixed upon a definite date.

A substitute proposal for the bonus bill was offered today by Senator McCumber's colleague, Senator Ladd, (Republican) of North Dakota, providing for a cash bonus to be paid by issue of \$2,500,000,000 or less of legal tender treasury notes to be retired over a period of 25 years out of proceeds from special taxes on banks and interest received from the foreign indebtedness.

Senator Ladd's plan contemplates a tax on all banking institutions having a capital stock of \$100,000 or more, equal to 50 per cent of the profits in excess of 12 per cent and all other taxes. Should these taxes and the interest on the foreign debt be insufficient to pay the annual refunding installments on the legal tender issued to the veterans the deficiency would be made up out of the federal treasury.

### HORSE AND CAR COLLIDE

Saturday afternoon about 7 o'clock Misses Lydia Owen and Eva Reames were driving up Main Street in Abbeville in the Owens' car with Truman Reames when they met Dr. Harkavy, the new Veterinarian, riding horseback. The horse became frightened and plunged headlong into the front of the car, breaking the windshield and throwing Dr. Harkavy on the top of the automobile. The fenders of the car were badly bent and glass parts broken. Dr. Harkavy was bruised up and the occupants of the car received scratches and cuts from the broken glass. The horse also suffered from the wreck.

### COTTON MARKET

The highest level for cotton on the local market today was 22 cents. Futures closed

July	21.78
October	21.64
December	21.42
January	21.27

The consumption of cotton for May 1922, was 495,674 as against 440,714 for May 1921.

### Postmaster at Clemson College.

Washington, June 13.—President Harding today recalled from the Senate the nomination of James E. Pickett to be postmaster at Clemson College, S. C., and substituted the name of Ida A. Calhoun, the incumbent. The first nominee voluntarily withdrew.

### AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

## STATISTICS SHOW INCOME RETURNS

TAX FIGURES PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT.—INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSIONER TO TAKE UP RETURNS FOR 1920 AND PREVIOUS YEAR.

### In South Carolina.

Washington, June 13.—According to a statement today by the commissioner of internal revenue, South Carolina, for 1920, paid into the treasury as income tax, \$3,326,875.

The returns numbered 33,044. The income of those making returns was \$109,246,657. The per cent of population making returns was 1.96. The average net income was \$3,306.09. The average amount of tax per return was \$97.96.

Since 1916 returns have been as follows: 1920, 33,044; 1919, 37,296; 1918, 20,239; 1917, 22,321; 1916, 1,204.

Washington, June 13.—Net incomes of individuals reported to the government during 1920 increased by nearly \$4,000,000,000 and the number of returns by nearly 2,000,000 over 1919, while the taxes received fell off by about \$195,000,000, according to preliminary statistics issued today by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair.

Returns for incomes between \$1,000 and \$2,000 increased by more than 500,000 in 1920 as compared with 1919, while those for the larger classes of income dropped heavily—returns for incomes of \$1,000,000 and over falling from 65 in 1919 to 33 in 1920.

The average net income on returns for 1920 was \$3,269.40, the average amount of tax \$148.08 and the average tax rate 4.53 per cent, while as relating to the entire population of the country subject to the federal income tax the proportion filing returns was 6.85 per cent, the per capita net income reported was \$223.87 and the per capita income tax was \$10.44.

For the calendar year 1920 there were 7,259,944 personal income tax returns filed reporting a total net income of \$23,735,629,183 and yielding a total tax of \$1,075,053,686, as compared with 5,332,760 returns for a total income of \$19,859,491,448 and a tax yield of \$1,269,630,104 in 1919.

New York led the states in the number of returns filed, the amount of income reported and in the tax yield. Pennsylvania was second and Illinois third.

### ON WAY TO SISTERS GRAVE, MEETS DEATH

Greenville, June 13.—Supposedly making a visit to the grave of her little sister who was accidentally killed last Monday, Ellen Livingston, 17 year old daughter of B. Livingston of Donwood, was run over by a train on the tracks of the Southern Railway a short distance from this city and her mutilated body found early this morning. The child slipped from the home early last night, it is thought, although she was not missed until the family gathered around the breakfast table this morning. A search was at once instituted and the body found at a local undertaking establishment by the father when he learned that an unidentified body had been taken there.

### VAN BOOTH BREAKS LEG.

Van Booth, a 14 year old youth, working with the road gang fell yesterday afternoon and broke his leg. He was brought to the Abbeville Hospital for attention.

### AT CAMP McCLELLAN

James Coleman and J. C. Cheatham who have spent the past session at Clemson, leave tonight for Anniston, Ala., where they will take a six weeks course at Camp McClellan.